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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 606

By Ridgeway

A RESOLUTION to commend Mr. Steve McAdams for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those persons who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steve McAdams is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a native of McKenzie and a longtime resident of Paris, Steve McAdams is a highly respected member of his community; and

WHEREAS, he pursued his love for the outdoors in the classroom by earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Bethel College; and

WHEREAS, labeled as one of the country's most popular outdoorsman and communicators, Steve McAdams dedicates his efforts as an outdoor writer and host of the national television series *In-Pursuit*, a hunting, fishing, and conservation-oriented program on the great outdoors; and

WHEREAS, for his many contributions to the preservation of our state's national resources, Steve is being honored as the Grand Marshal at the 47th Annual World's Biggest Fish Fry this year; and

WHEREAS, he is a valued member of numerous professional organizations, including, the Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA), the Southern Outdoor Press Association (SEOPA), the Tennessee Outdoor Writers Association (TOWA), and served with probity as President of both SEOPA and TOWA; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McAdams' articles and photographs have appeared in numerous newspapers, magazines, and books; he is also a talented writer with weekly columns in the *Paris Post-Intelligencer* newspaper, and special features in the *Mid-South Hunting & Fishing News*, *Tennessee Valley Outdoors*, *Crappie World Magazine*, and *Sportsman's Digest*; and

WHEREAS, his articles have also been featured in numerous respected publications, including *The Saturday Evening Post*, *Ducks Unlimited Magazine*, *In-Fisherman*, *North American Fisherman*, *Game & Fish Publications*, *Outdoor Life*, *Sports Afield*, *Field & Stream*, and a host of state and regional publications; and

WHEREAS, a long time professional guide on Tennessee's Kentucky Lake, Steve is often a featured guest on such national television shows as *Bill Dance Outdoors*, *Fishing with Roland Martin*, *Billy Westmoreland's Fishing Diary*, *Fishing with Orlando Wilson*, *The In-Fisherman Network*, *The North American Hunting & Fishing Show*, and *The Nashville Network* (TNN); and

WHEREAS, Mr. McAdams has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to his community; he is proud to be a resident of Paris and proclaimed, "I've traveled to a lot of cities doing hunting and fishing seminars at boat, sport and travel shows and I always tell them I'm from Paris"; and

WHEREAS, he further expressed his attraction to his home county, saying, "My love of the great outdoors brought me to Henry County many years ago and I've been under its spell ever since"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McAdams has served on the Board of Directors of the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce, and as a result of his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life, he has attracted the attention of governors and entertainers; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. McAdams is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Linda, and is the proud owner of two Labrador retrievers, Ace and Mollie; and

WHEREAS, Steve McAdams is wholly committed to the noble precepts of service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized for his dedication to sustaining the natural environment and enhancing our scenic beauty; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Steve McAdams, for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and salute his unswerving commitment to the great outdoors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.